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Title : Need to organize more National level championships in Manipur.

DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA (INNER MANIPUR): Sir, the Olympics − 2008 is knocking at the door. The Commonwealth Games are going on. I congratulate all the medallists from our country. Two weightlifters from Manipur − Ms. N. Kunjrani Devi and Ms. Yumnam Renubala Chanu won gold medals for the country in Melbourne. Ms. Kunjarani brought the first gold medal of the country and Ms. Renubala Chanu brought the second gold medal in weightlifting. My State, Manipur is the home of many national and international players who brought laurels to the country. Manipur has a reasonably good infrastructure for sports following the successful conduct of the Vth National Championships. I do urge upon the Union Government to see that more national championships are awarded to the State so that the infrastructures, crying for proper maintenance, may be maintained and put in full use and players from different States including Manipur are exposed to the national level competitions. If it is done, the likes of Ms. Kunjarani Devi and Ms. Renubala Chanu can be trained for Olympic Medals.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The following hon. Members - Md. Salim, Shri Santosh Gangwar - associated themselves with the matter raised by Dr. Meinya.